



Tournament Responsibilities

District, State, and Regional Commissioners are responsible for selecting and the various aspects of the operations of District, State and Regional Tournaments.

All District Tournaments are under the jurisdiction of the District Commissioner, all aspects of the State Tournaments are under the jurisdiction of the State Commissioner, and all aspects of the Regional Tournaments are under the jurisdiction of the Regional Commissioner.

District, State and Regional Commissioners may appoint Tournament Directors; however, the tournaments remain under the control of the respective commissioner. Appointed Tournament Directors must be well versed in the rules, regulations and policies of Babe Ruth League, Inc. They must be available at the site to answer and address any questions and/or situations that may arise. If no Tournament Director is appointed, then the respective Commissioner shall serve as the Tournament Director.

It must be understood that Babe Ruth League, Inc. has final authority over all aspects of tournament play. No volunteer Commissioner, umpire, league officer or any other person has the authority to suspend or alter any rule, regulation or policy of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

District Tournament dates are up to the District Commissioner, keeping in mind the reporting dates for the State Tournaments. **State Tournament dates** are up to the State Commissioner, keeping in mind the reporting dates for the Regional Tournaments. **Regional Tournament dates** are up to the Regional Commissioner, keeping in mind the reporting dates for the World Series.

When reviewing possible tournament sites, the respective Commissioner should consider:

- Does the site meet the minimum standards for field size, layout, lighting, dugouts, adequate seating, parking, concession, public rest rooms, scoreboard, press box, public address system and safety?
- Is the hosting group capable of developing enough public interest in the tournament to assure good attendance at all games.
- Does the site have the cooperation of the local news media, service and civic groups?
- Is the location accessible to all participants?
- Does the hosting group have enough volunteers capable of meeting all responsibilities and duties required?

The respective Commissioner—District, State or Regional—is solely responsible for deciding the various personnel needed for games:

- **Umpires**—Per Babe Ruth Rule 11.05, paragraph 2, all umpires are required to be a member, in good standing, of the BRL National Umpires Association to work a District, State, or Regional Tournament, as well as the World Series. Their training, experience and availability to attend meetings and games should be most important. Sufficient umpires should be recruited to assure proper coverage and rotations.
- **Scorekeepers**—This is a very important, yet often overlooked, aspect of tournament play. It is vital for all scorekeepers to understand they must be diligent in ensuring that no ineligible pitcher or player participates in a game. Although the manager of each team is ultimately responsible for this, scorekeepers and all other personnel should make every attempt to prevent this situation, which will help prevent forfeits.
- **Protest Committee**—Should consist of a minimum of three people. Usually, the Tournament Director will serve as Chairman of the Protest Committee. No manager, coach or umpire may serve on the Protest Committee.
 - ◆ Should a protest occur, the Tournament Director shall hear all the facts from the protesting manager, the Umpire-in-Chief (plate umpire) of the game, and the umpire involved with the decision or interpretation of the rule or regulation in question. Once all the facts are gathered, the Tournament Director will confer with the Protest Committee for a final decision. The Tournament Director will then bring together the managers of the home and visiting teams and the Umpire-in-Chief of that game to advise them accordingly. There will be no other appeal, and the game is to continue. The decision of the Protest Committee is final.
 - ◆ With Babe Ruth League NUA members at each game, they should make sure the rule is correct before accepting a protest.
 - ◆ We should all work hard to avoid protests.
 - ◆ While the Press Box, Scorekeeper or other personnel will attempt to alert the Umpire-in-Chief if an ineligible pitcher is taking the mound or an ineligible player is entering the game, the final responsibility resides with each manager.

Per Babe Ruth Rule 11.04—DOCUMENTS, the tournament team manager must place in the custody of the tournament officials, the following documents prior to the start of competition:

- Birth documents or records as specified by Rule 0.04 (1) for each of the tournament team players.
- Official Tournament Team Roster certified and signed by the League President
- Babe Ruth League, Inc. Letter of Tournament Eligibility Form.
- Accord Certificate of Coverage of Group Accident Insurance Policy.
- Accord Certificate of Coverage of league's Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy.
- Consent for Treatment forms (starting at state level of play).
- A color team photograph with identification must be uploaded with your tournament roster through Babe Ruth online. Print and place one copy in your team's credentials. Digital photographs may be emailed.
- Coaching Certification I.D. Card or Certificate for team manager and coaches.

Babe Ruth League, Inc. is about the kids and in making dreams come true. For some kids, the hours spent on the baseball or softball diamond participating in local league or tournament play will be the most memorable experiences they ever have. This is why we work very hard to provide them with a playing experience second to none!